

OPERATORS TO CALL
STRIKE OFF TO-DAYVote Will Be Taken by the
Local Unions.

SMALL GIVES THE ORDER

Majority Expect to Return to
Work After Tie-up.

Lack of Funds to Carry on War with
Western Union and Postal Tele-
graph Companies Said to Be Rea-
son for Action—National President
Refuses to Do More Than Confirm
Action of Executive Committee.

New York, Oct. 12.—The great strike
of commercial telegraphers which
has lasted for nearly ten weeks and tied up
business in many parts of the country
will probably be voted off by the op-
erators to-morrow or Monday.

An order to all local unions to vote
on the subject of calling off the strike
was sent out by President Small, of the
Commercial Operators' Union, to-day.

President Small to-night confirmed a
report to this effect. He contented him-
self with saying such an order had been
sent out, but declined to discuss the
matter further. He would not say
whether or not the executive board of
the union had authorized the submission
of the question to the locals.

At the union headquarters it was stated
the vote of locals will probably be taken
to-morrow, as all the unions hold meet-
ings on Sunday. The result may be
known by the national officers to-morrow
night. If the vote favors calling off
of the strike this action will follow.

Lack of funds to carry on the fight
against the Western Union and Postal
companies longer is believed to have
caused the calling of the vote. If the
strike is voted off, it means the op-
erators have lost. The resources of the
companies, it is believed, proved too
much for the union, which entered upon
the strike without great preparation for
the struggle.

Union Weakness Shown.

Operators to whom the news of the
order for a vote became known to-night
expressed the opinion, however, that their
cause is by no means a lost one. The
union will be preserved, they say,
strengthened, and in the future may hope
to test conclusions with the companies
with better prospects of success. The
present strike has shown the weakness
of the union. These will be overcome
and the union placed on a basis to protect
its interests more effectively in the future.

The first news of the order for a vote
came from operators who had heard that
the New York union will vote to-morrow.

President Small was seen at the Astor
House, here, at headquarters.

"You may say that I confirm the report
that a vote of the locals has been order-
ed," he said. "The order was sent out
to-day. That is all I have to say about
the matter." To all other questions he
declined to give answers. After seeing
reporters, Small locked the door of his
room, turned out the lights, and announced
he was going to bed.

Officials Are Reticent.

Other officers of the union who could
be found were equally as reticent about
to-day's order as Small. Small explained
his unwillingness to say anything more,
because he did not wish to influence
the vote of locals in any way.

About the telegraph headquarters the
general view expressed was that the
vote of locals will favor a calling off of
the strike. The fact that the question
has been put to them is an indication, it
is pointed out, that the national officers
believe it is useless to continue the fight.
Whether the order to vote explains the
reasons for the move or gives a state-
ment of the financial standing of the
union could not be learned to-night.

These matters are expected to be ex-
plained to members of the larger unions
at to-morrow's meetings, when the vote
will be taken.

Many Expect to Go Back.

By calling off the strike now, operators
here profess to believe much will be saved
to the operators who left their keys. It
is believed the companies will take back
the majority of the strikers and on the
old terms of employment. With the in-
creased business of the companies ex-
pected to follow after calling off of the
strike, it is explained, many operators
will be needed.

The strike in New York began on Au-
gust 12, when the men in the Western
Union and Postal offices left their keys
at a whistle signal. The strike had really
been precipitated, however, by the ac-
tion of Chicago operators in walking out
several nights previously when asked to
work with nonunion operators in Cali-
fornia offices, where the union men had
left their keys because of local difficulties.

President Small was in California try-
ing to adjust differences when this oc-
curred. He sanctioned the walkouts, and
the executive board likewise approved
them. The general strike order followed.
The number of men who obeyed the
order did not come up to expectations in
some of the larger cities. In the South
and West the strike was worse, and in
many sections hardly a message has been
transmitted since the strike was called.

Other Officers Bitter.

Officers and members of the New
York local are bitter against President
Small. His action, they say, amounts
to calling off the strike. While the
call was sent all over the country, it
was not given to the local here. Small
contented himself with asking the of-
ficers to secure a large attendance at
to-morrow's meeting, saying he would
have an important announcement to
make then.

Such is the temper of the men that
a hot fight will doubtless result at to-
morrow's meeting. Some members
openly asserted that the union will
vote down Small's proposition.

Local men are the most bitter be-
cause, they declare, the strike was

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Look Out! Prices of Lumber Much Lower.
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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia,
Maryland, and Virginia—Fair
and slightly colder to-day. To-
morrow fair; light northwest to
north winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC.
1—Key Men May End Strike.
1—Milan in Hands of a Mob.
1—Cubs Win World's Championship.
1—Brig. Gen. Bell at Muldoon's.
1—Twenty-one Die When Ship Sinks.
1—Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt to Wed.
1—President Moves His Camp.
1—Austrian Emperor Weaker.
2—Watterson Does Not Fear Panic.
2—Episcopals Visit Jamestown.
6—Old Home Week at Baltimore.
6—News of Maryland and Virginia.

LOCAL.

2—School Fee Takers Held Liable.
2—"Woman in Brown" Busy Again.
2—Local Telegraph Strikers Defiant.
7—Supreme Court Opens To-morrow.
7—New Greek Minister Appointed.
8—Four Millions Wanted for Schools.

EMPEROR NO BETTER

Condition of Francis Joseph
Remains Stationary.

COUGH AND FEVER DIMINISH

Bedside Reports Give No Reason for
Hope—Much Difficulty Experienced
in Getting Patient to Take Any
Nourishment—He Is Indifferent to
His Own State of Health.

Vienna, Oct. 12.—The Emperor passed a
quieter night. His cough and fever have
diminished, but the catarrhal symptoms
are unchanged. His general condition is
brighter.

Last night the report from the
bedside of the Emperor was anything
but favorable. His physicians said that
the patient's sleep was frequently dis-
turbed by fits of violent coughing, and
though the fever at times subsided, his
appetite was unsatisfactory, and that
they were experiencing much difficulty in
persuading the patient to take sufficient
nourishment.

An earlier report from the sick room
said that the Emperor's condition had
changed for the worse, and that his
physicians admitted his case was hope-
less.

After having spent an unexpectedly
good night, the Emperor was able to rise
yesterday morning at an unusually early
hour. He coughed less and slept more
quietly. The catarrhal inflammation,
however, has not diminished, and his ap-
petite continues bad.

An unsatisfactory symptom of the Em-
peror's condition is his recurring in-
difference to what is going on around him
and his own state of health.

The report from Madrid that the visit
of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria to
Vienna has been postponed indefinitely is
confirmed.

ELUSIVE BEARS DISCOVERED.

Ben Lilly Succeeds in Finding Presi-

dential Game.

Stamboul, Oct. 12.—The bars which the
President came to Louisiana to shoot and
which successfully eluded him in East
Carroll Parish, have been found in Mad-
ison Parish, immediately south of here,
near the lake which bears their name;
accordingly, late to-night the President
changed his plans, and instead of mov-
ing his camp forty-five miles south, he
will establish himself next week on Bear
Lake. The headquarters, however, will
remain at Stamboul, rather than be re-
moved to Newellton, as was contemplated
yesterday.

The evidences of bear are so numerous
in Madison Parish that Ben Lilly is cer-
tain that the chase will be successful, and
upon his opinion the President decided to
continue his hunt next week in the vicin-
ity of Bear Lake. Fresh tracks of bear
were found to-day while the party was
behind, but it was not possible to give
chase. The new camp will be located
about twelve miles south of Stamboul.

AUTO HITS YERKES HOME.

Park Sleeper Thinks Collision the

Result of Wager.

New York, Oct. 12.—An automobile ran
into the residence of Mrs. Mary A.
Yerkes, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, and
divorced wife of William Mizner, at 84
Fifth avenue to-day. The automobile
came down Fifth avenue, crossed the
sidewalk, and butted the fence, and, af-
ter retreating a few feet, hit the pedestal.

A crash, followed by a roar, awakened
the butler, and when he ran to the front
of the house he was told by a man who
had been taking an early morning snooze
on a park bench that he heard some one
say "I can hit it the first shot."

The matter was reported to the police.
Mrs. Yerkes is out of town.

MAKES SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT.

Huge Aeroplane, Invented by C. O.

Jones, Rises Above Village.

Bath, N. Y., Oct. 12.—After a week of
preliminary experiments, the Jones flying
machine made a successful flight this af-
ternoon from an elevation overlooking
the village and the works of the airship
company. A large number of noted aero-
nautic enthusiasts and experts viewed the
flight.

The inventor, Charles Oliver Jones, is a
member of the Aero Club of America,
and many of the members viewed his
work to-day. The ship is of the aeroplane
type. The sustaining area of the ma-
chine is 450 square feet. This is the sec-
ond machine of the kind built. The first
weighed 1,250 pounds.

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MILAN, IN DARKNESS,
OVERRUN BY MOBSStrikers Force All Lighting
Plants to Shut Down.

CITIZENS ARE IN TERROR

Troops Sent Out to Protect the
Public Buildings.

Many Encounters Take Place in
Italian Metropolis and Shots Are
Fired—Soldiers Able to Do but Little
in Restoring Order—Acts of
Vandalism Committed by Thou-
sands Who Parade City's Streets.

Milan, Italy, Oct. 12.—Milan is enveloped
in darkness.

Mobs of strikers have forced all lighting
plants to shut down.

The streets swarm with infuriated
workmen, in desperation bent on making
the most of the labor disorders to loot
the town.

The troops are concentrated about the
public buildings, leaving the rest of the
city to its fate. The orderly element
among the citizens have barricaded them-
selves in their homes, awaiting, some in
terror, some with arms in their hands,
attack by plunder-hungry outlaws or the
maddened strikers.

Small Shops Abandoned.

Proprietors and managers of the larger
commercial establishments have gathered
their employees about them, as far as pos-
sible, and stand guard over their prop-
erty. The smaller shops have been aban-
doned, and many have already been broken
open and sacked by rioters.

Many encounters have already occurred
and shots are heard at frequent intervals.
In the inky blackness of the night it is
impossible to tell how serious these en-
gagements have been or the extent of
the property damage by vandals and
thieves. It is feared the morning will
show the gravest apprehensions of the
citizens to have been realized.

The authorities are believed to have
prepared to concede all the strikers' de-
mands to prevent further disturbances.

Mob Attacks Police.

The police were attacked by a mob
again this afternoon. In the fight two
officers were wounded.

Fifteen hundred strikers paraded the
city, following the engagement, smash-
ing all unguarded windows and commit-
ting deplorable acts of vandalism.

The military, not at that hour with-
drawn to protect the city's most vul-
nerable points, were everywhere. They
were able to do little toward restoring
order, however, against the crowds,
which took advantage of the orders to
the soldiers to do nothing to provoke the
people.

MRS. VANDERBILT TO WED

Engagement Expected a Month
After Daughter Is Married.Wealthy Society Leader to Be Bride
of Close Friend of Count
Szechenyi Is Reported.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 12.—Announcement
of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt's engage-
ment to a count whose identity has not
yet been disclosed, even to the prospective
bride's nearest friends, is to follow a
month after the marriage of Mrs. Van-
derbilt's daughter Gladys to Count Szechenyi,
according to close friends of the family.
It is said the second wedding will follow
a month later.

The bridegroom-to-be is understood to
be a close friend of Count Szechenyi, al-
though much older than the latter. He is
expected in this country to attend the
first wedding. Mrs. Vanderbilt, the elder,
is said to have arranged already for the
rehabilitation of her future husband's
somewhat heavily encumbered European
estate, where it is expected she will live
after the marriage.

Mrs. Vanderbilt, sr., has been a widow
for about eight years. The prospect of
her marriage is understood to have caused
a serious disagreement between Reginald
Vanderbilt and his mother.

REPUBLICANS SHOW APATHY.

Chairman Parsons' Friends Alarmed

by Light Registration.

New York, Oct. 12.—President Parsons,
of the Republican county committee,
urged all his district leaders to make
every effort to get out a full registration
to-day and Monday.

In the districts that are normally Re-
publican, every election district captain
had a staff of assistants, and a house-
to-house canvass was made. The heavy
falling off in registration on the first two
days was largely in the Republican dis-
tricts.

Friends of President Parsons have con-
vinced him that he is fighting for his po-
litical life. If his fusion ticket should
be badly beaten, a complete reorganiza-
tion of the Republican county committee
would likely follow. The Odell faction of
the party is not likely to make any genu-
ine effort to elect the county ticket.

The Republican county committee and
the Hearst League will conduct separate
campaigns. There will be no joint meet-
ings, and the bulk of the work is likely
to fall on the league.

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IN THE WILDS OF WYOMING.

BELL AT MULDOON'S
TWENTY-ONE DROWNRecovering from a Threat-
ened Nervous Collapse.HAS WORKED UNCEASINGLY
Anticipating Physical Breakdown,
Chief of Army Staff Is Taken to
White Plains Sanatorium—Is Occu-
pying Rooms Recently Vacated by
Secretary Root—Muldoon Hopeful.

New York, Oct. 12.—According to the
World, Brig. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, Chief
of Staff, U. S. A., is the latest high Wash-
ington official to succumb to the strain
of overwork and worry. For two weeks
he has been an inmate of Muldoon San-
atorium, at White Plains, occupying the
room recently vacated by Secretary
Root.

The utmost secrecy has been observed
in official quarters as to the condition and
whereabouts of Gen. Bell, who was prac-
tically in a state of nervous collapse
when taken to White Plains. As Chief of
Staff under the spur of President Roose-
velt's direct supervision, the general has
worked unceasingly, well informed per-
sons declare. The inevitable breakdown
followed, and, remembering the success
attained by Muldoon in Secretary Root's
case, his friends hurried him to White
Plains.

Muldoon admitted last night that Gen.
Bell was under his care.

"It is true, also, that he has been here
with me for two weeks," he added, "and
I am glad to be able to say that he is
steadily improving."

From other sources it was learned that
when Gen. Bell arrived at Muldoon's farm
he was barely able to stand, as a result
of unstrung nerves and physical weak-
ness. One who saw him at that time
states that the general's hands bled so
he was practically helpless, while his
haggard face told a story of utter break-
down. His condition was so serious that
Muldoon could not subject him to the
heroic treatment administered to the ma-
jority of those at the farm.

LIPTON AGAIN IN ROYAL FAVOR

King Edward Will Offer Cup So
Baronet Can Win It.Refusal of New York Yacht Club to
Accept Challenge Causes a
Change in Attitude.

London, Oct. 12.—Sir Thomas Lipton will
soon again revel in assurances of royal
favor. The Irish baronet, who has not
been quite persona grata in crown cir-
cles, is to be rehabilitated simply be-
cause of the belief prevalent here that
the New York Yacht Club, in refusing
his challenge for a race for the America's
Cup, did so because they did not believe
he had the support of the real British
sportsmen.

It is admitted his new yacht, to be built
at Falmouth, will be the fastest of its class
afloat. Five will design it. It must sweep
the seas at Kiel and Cowes.

King Edward has announced his inten-
tion of offering the 50-guinea cup of the
Royal Victoria Yacht Club, the proudest
trophy of all England, and won by his
yacht Britannia, in international trophy,
to be contested for next year. And it is
not hidden that Sir Thomas is expected
to win it.

It will be characterized as a "world's
championship trophy," and will pave the
way for Lipton's election to membership
in the Royal Yacht Squadron.

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